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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

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Attn: Examiner Anita D. JOHNSON

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-- METHOD AND PLANT FOR THE HEAT TREATMENT OF SULFIDIC ORES USING ANNULAR FLUIDIZED BED -- .

Also, please change the spelling of inventor NIKOLA ANASTASIJEVIC under Applicant(s), from:

"NIKOKA" to

-- NIKOLA -- .

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Both the title and spelling of inventor Nikola Anastasijevic were properly reflected on the Transmittal Letter (FORM PTO-1390) filed June 22, 2005 and in the Declaration filed in response to the Notice of Missing Requirements filed on March 24, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request that the Request to Correct the Official Filing Receipt be granted for the above reasons.

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Title

Method and plant for the heat treatment of sulfidic ores using annular fluidized BED

Preliminary Class

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